

**Letter from Lisa Roberts,  
Executive Director of the Florida Wildlife Foundation**

**Please join the Florida Wildflower Foundation in congratulating the state's House of Representatives and Senate for the reauthorization of Florida Forever.**

With the House's unanimous passage Wednesday of Senate Bill 542, the land-buying program was extended for 10 years with an annual allotment of \$300 million. The Senate unanimously passed the bill last week. It now goes before Gov. Charlie Crist, who is expected to sign it.

Since its inception in 2000, the Florida Forever program has spent \$1.8 billion in state funds to purchase more than 535,000 acres. Florida Forever replaced the 10-year Preservation 2000 program, which between 1990 and 2000 bought 1.7 million acres.

The work of land preservation is far from done, and thanks to our legislators, Florida will continue to preserve land that is ecologically, historically and culturally important.

The Florida Wildflower Foundation is a proud member of the Florida Forever Coalition, which is steered by the Trust for Public Lands, the Nature Conservancy, Audubon of Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, 1,000 Friends of Florida, Florida Wildlife Federation and the Florida Recreation and Park Association.

To learn more about the Florida Forever program, visit [www.supportfloridaforever.org](http://www.supportfloridaforever.org). To learn more about the Florida Wildflower Foundation, visit [floridawildflowerfoundation.org](http://floridawildflowerfoundation.org).

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